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Michael Friedman, M.D.
Commissioner
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch, Room 1-23
12420 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20857


Re: Docket number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am writing to urge you to ban the slaughter of "downed animals" for human food by granting the petition filed on behalf of Farm Sanctuary and assigned the above docket number.

It is unconscionable that animals who are too sick or injured even to stand are being used in the human food supply. This practice is causing increased suffering to the animals and is a definite health threat to humans.

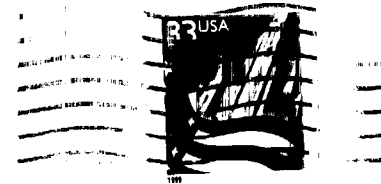
Sincerely,


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